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### **Former D.C. Firefighter Sentenced For Fraud** **-Kept More Than \$3,600 In Fees Paid For CPR Training-**

WASHINGTON - Natalie Overton-Williams, a former firefighter with the D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, was sentenced today to seven days in jail for fraudulently obtaining \$3,610 in payments for government-run CPR training, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Overton-Williams, 41, of Capitol Heights, Md., pled guilty in March 2011 to a misdemeanor charge of first degree fraud. She was sentenced today in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia by the Honorable Anthony C. Epstein. Under terms of her plea agreement, she agreed to resign from the department and make restitution of \$3,610.

According to a factual proffer submitted to the Court, Overton-Williams was assigned to the department's training academy from January through August of 2008. While working there, she was responsible for the department's CPR training program, which offered instruction to residents and organizations in return for a fee. An investigation revealed that Overton-Williams directed that payment for several CPR classes be made payable to "Natalie O. Williams," not the D.C. government, and then deposited the checks into her own bank account.

Overton-Williams acknowledged obtaining the \$3,610 from five organizations or businesses and one individual. The investigation into her activities began after a sixth client raised questions about a \$120 invoice that directed payment to Overton-Williams instead of the government.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the work of those who handled the case, including Special Agent Bryan Chase and former Special Agent Johnnie Bright, of the District of Columbia Inspector General's office, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie G. Miller, who prosecuted the matter.